

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Long Street One-Way Traffic Ordinance

From: Mark McDonald, Transportation Director

Meeting Date: Tuesday January 21, 2020

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date: NA

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Long Street One-Way Restriction Map

PURPOSE

Consideration of the removal of the existing one-way traffic restriction on Long Street, southbound from W. State Avenue to Rockspring Road, between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am daily.

BACKGROUND

This traffic restriction was enacted in 1995 to combat the negative effects of “cruising” along the N. Main Street corridor, and only allows traffic to flow northbound on the affected block of Long Street during the restricted hours. At the time, cruising was primarily a social activity that sometimes led to excessive traffic congestion, noise, litter, and damages to private property. Long Street, being parallel to N. Main and only one block to the west, served as a convenient “turn-around” for this activity.

Cruising is no longer a serious issue and removal of the one-way pattern has been requested. The restriction, as it currently exists, offers no substantial benefit to public safety and is primarily an inconvenience to residents and business establishments in the immediate area. Police Chief Ken Schultz and his senior staff have expressed support for the removal of the one-way restriction, citing that the problem for which it was intended is no longer present.

BUDGET IMPACT

None. The cost to remove the one-way restriction can be absorbed as part of normal operations.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED

City Council is requested to amend Article P of the Transportation Department’s traffic schedule, rescinding the existing one-way traffic pattern on Long Street, which prohibits southbound flow from W. State Avenue to Rockspring Road, between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am daily.



EXHIBIT A:

LONG STREET ONE-WAY RESTRICTION